


Column One
by
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IT'S dangerous to get about much. It's dangerous enough to stay at home, but if you get about much the danger is worse. As in the Dark Ages, long ago, there is always someone waiting behind the bushes at the turn of the road, or in some other ambush, to shoot you. When it comes to the point — a bomb in the streets of Jerusalem, a kidnapping near the Brandenburg Tor, gunfire leveled at a passing ship in the Gulf of Akaba, an exploding mine on this side of the Golan border, a volley of shots at an infiltrator trespassing on Israel's side, and the fetching liner by a Bulgarian frontier battery or fighter aircraft, with the loss of 58 innocent men, women and children — when it comes to the point there are all part of the same thing.

EVEN when it is not a matter of frontiers and puffed-up sovereignties, it is still a horrid, stupid thing, like the killing of five persons near Fes, in Morocco, on Saturday. All last week they were killing people in Morocco and in Algeria in the name of something or other. It is extraordinary how many things there are outside of straightforward, savage war, for which it seems conventionally proper to kill, national independence, law and order, sovereignty, border integrity; and apparently, by Bulgarian standards, the accidental witnessing of something the Bulgarians prefer should not be witnessed. It is possible, of course, that the Bulgarian gunners shot down the Constellation simply because it was a fine day; but that seems unlikely. The reason for civilized standards cannot have been much better.

OF course, it is no use being squeamish about these matters. Russia is big and the United States is big, and if there is a chance of their having to fight each other one day they must have big armaments. If the big Powers feel that way about each other and their so-called security needs, I suppose it is not surprising that the little ones should also feel that way about each other; and that even the Moroccan Tunisians and Algerians should feel that way about the French; and the Egyptians, it would seem, about anyone who, on his way from Athens to Lybia, happens to pass by the Bulgarian frontier.

OBVIOUSLY, in these circumstances, the Geneva meeting took place not a day too soon and the foreign Ministers who have been left to work things out in substance had better not waste any time. They had better realize that what is a professional matter for the diplomat is but by bit becoming an intimate matter of life and death for the ordinary person and that the ordinary person is getting sick of it. I would, of course, be surprised — bringing the matter back again to this little country — if the vote that went against Israel and the General Zionists the other day was not in fact a vote of protest against recurrent shock and nervous instability, even if a perverted protest. And more and more people throughout the world may be working up to a protest.

ANYWAY, obviously the thing to do just now is to stay home and keep the door barred. Jerusalem, August 1.

11 Dead in Marrakesh Attack on Berbers

MARRAKESH, Sunday (Reuter). — The death toll in this town in the past 24 hours has risen to 11 as Moroccan demonstrators raced through the streets in bold defiance of the city's feudal overlord El Glaoui and his personal police force.

Ten Moroccans were killed in clashes with the police last night and another died today when the local police opened fire on the crowd.

The injured totalled 22, including 17 demonstrators, two European civilians, a French policeman and two local policemen. El Glaoui, the Pasha of Marrakesh, a fervent anti-Nationalist who rules his fiefdom in Southern Morocco with an iron hand, went to Rabat to discuss the situation with the French authorities. Observers here believe the old Berber chieftain has been seriously perturbed by the violence of the Nationalist agitation which has invaded his territory.

The local disorders have been marked by the same show of support for former Sultan Mohammed Ben Yusef which nationalists throughout the country are seeking to impress on the Resident General, M. Gilbert Grandval.

In addition, the people have released long pent-up hatreds of El Glaoui's Berber police who are noted for being quick on the trigger when trouble breaks. Today, a group of demonstrators tried to break into the house of one of the Pasha's advisers. Six Moroccans were injured when police sent a burst of rifle fire into the crowd. Other shots were heard from scattered parts of the Arab quarter where funeral services for the victims of last night's rioting were being held.

The authorities clamped down a dusk-to-dawn curfew and heavy police reinforcements moved up to seal off the entrances to the Arab quarter. Firemen were called in to fight six fires set off by demonstrators.

Casablanca, hotbed of Nationalist activity, has been free of this latest rash of disorders. But yesterday, fire-raiders burned down a large animal food storehouse, a car and a Jewish-owned grocery shop. Early this morning a dance hall near the New Medina was destroyed by fire.

Sunada, New Japan Defence Chief
TOKYO, Sunday (UP). — Premier Ichiro Hatoyama today appointed Mr. Shigemasa Sunada, 78, Chairman of the Democratic Party Diet Policy Committee, to head the Defence Board.

Mr. Sunada, who was chief adviser to the Japanese military government in Malaya during World War Two, replaced Mr. Arata Sugihara. The latter stepped down as defence chief after the Hatoyama Administration failed to push two vital bills through the Diet which wound up a 135-day session yesterday. The bills would have created a National Defence Council and a committee to study revision of Japan's "no war" constitution to step up rearmament.

RHEE'S FOREIGN MINISTER FED UP, QUILTS
SEOUL, Sunday (UP). — President Syngman Rhee has accepted the resignation of Foreign Minister Pyun Yung Tai and appointed Vice-Minister Chou Chung Whan in his place. In one of the strangest political exits ever seen, the 65-year-old Foreign Minister walked out of his office unexpectedly on Friday. He said he was "fed up" with party political pressure and corruption among officials.

THE MANAGEMENT & STAFF OF "EL-AL"
mourn the loss of their friends

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1st OFFICER PINHAS BEN-PORAT
FLIGHT ENGINEER SIDNEY CHALMERS
FLIGHT RADIO OPERATOR RAPHAEL GOLDMAN
AIR HOSTESS SARA TISSER ACHARKAN
STEWART-LEON TISSER
STEWART ALBERT ALCHADEF

In the tragic accident of the company's aircraft which was shot down, and wish to convey their condolences to the bereaved families.

U.S., China Envoys Meet Today Intent On Settlement

GENEVA, Sunday. — Mr. Wang Ping-nan, Ambassador to Poland and leader of the Chinese delegation which will meet with the U.S. group here tomorrow, has expressed his country's friendliness to the United States. "The Chinese people do not want a war with the Americans," he declared today.

The American delegate to the talks, Mr. Alexis Johnson, Ambassador to Czechoslovakia, said on his arrival today that he was prepared to remain here "as long as necessary" to pursue a settlement.

Mr. Wang pointed out that, during the Afro-Asian conference held in April, Premier Chou En-lai declared that China and the U.S. should enter into negotiations with a view to easing and eliminating tension in the Formosa area, and that these proposals were warmly welcomed by world public opinion.

Mr. Johnson refused to amplify the scope of the talks made on July 26 by Mr. Dulles. This was defined then as:

July 26 Objectives
The release of American civilians and airmen held in China; satisfying China that all her nationals studying in the U.S. are free to leave; arrangement of precautions against such incidents as the shooting down of a British C-47 on July 23 last year when several Americans died; and discussing "where there is apt to be a ceasefire" in the Formosa area.

GOA BRIDGE BOMBED
PANJIM, Goa, Sunday (Reuter). — A press communique issued by the Government of Goa announced today that a bomb had exploded on a stone bridge between Margao and Paroba on Thursday night. The communique said explosives had been placed on both sides of the bridge, but only one had exploded. The bridge is still in use.

Zhukov Reports Soviet Army To Be Cut by Number in Austria

LONDON, Sunday. — In issuing the order of the day last night recalling Soviet troops from Austria, Defence Minister Marshal Zhukov also stated that the total strength of the Soviet armed forces would be cut by the number of troops being withdrawn.

Moscow Radio further quoted the order as stating that the same number of troops would be discharged from the army ahead of time. All troops would be withdrawn from Austria by next October 1.

Marshal Zhukov commended the personnel who were being withdrawn for the "exemplary discharge of military duty" and instructed their commander-in-chief to commend and reward on his own authority the best soldiers, sergeants, officers and generals. Military district commanders were instructed to "make proposals" to local government authorities on living conditions and arrangements for servicemen and employees who are being discharged.

Troops of all occupying powers are to be withdrawn from Austria within three months under the terms of the State Treaty.

Austrians today welcomed yesterday's statement by Marshal Zhukov. But there were no reports here that the Russian troops in Hungary and Rumania would be withdrawn at the same time. On the contrary, reports in the last few weeks have said that the Russians were asking Hungary for more not less accommodation.

All U.S. units in Vienna have begun packing, and their clubs

PAKISTAN RUPEE DEVALUED
KARACHI, Sunday (Reuter). — The Government today devalued the currency to the level of the Indian rupee.

The Pakistan rupee was previously quoted in London at approximately two shillings and half pence, compared with the Indian rupee's value of one shilling and six pence.

Worms Synagogue To Be Rebuilt
WORMS, Germany (UP). — The famous Jewish synagogue in this Rhine River town will be reconstructed with the aid of funds supplied by the Federal Government and the Jewish Committee of Worms of New York.

Worms Synagogue, one of the oldest in the country which contained many precious relics, was burned by the Nazis in November, 1938 and later damaged further by Allied bombing during the war. Reconstruction will follow the lines of the original building.

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Egyptians Refuse Israel Plan For Border Obstacles

Colonel Salah Gohar stated after his arrival in Cairo from the Old City on Saturday morning that Egypt flatly refused to accept the Israel proposal for the erection of physical obstacles such as barbed wire along the Golan border.

He claimed that the only feasible delimitation of the demarcation line was the line themselves.

Col Gohar announced that the four Arab MAC delegations would convene on the 25th of this month in Damascus "to adopt a united stand towards Israel's attempt to drag the Arab countries into bilateral agreements providing for direct contact between the parties by passing the Truce Supervision Organisation."

Until then, he added, neither Jordan nor Egypt would enter into any local commanders' agreement which called for such direct contact.

Egyptian Battery Halts Tanker

LONDON, Sunday. — The German tanker Isibek (500 tons) was stopped last Wednesday by an Egyptian shore battery at the entrance to the Gulf of Akaba in circumstances which the Special Correspondent of "The Times" at Akaba writes: "illustrate the unpredictable behaviour of the garrison there."

The Isibek, which is under charter to the British Ministry of Transport, has been doing the run between Suez and Akaba for three years. On the last trip the shipping agent in Suez advised the British Ministry of Transport, which she would be passing through the Straits of Tiran, the entrance to the Gulf, with supplies of oil for the British garrison at Akaba.

As usual, when the ship approached the battery, she dipped her flag, raised the Jordanian ensign (to show she was not going to Elilat), and displayed the international code flag establishing her identity.

The Egyptian reaction was odd. "The Times" adds: "At once a signal came ordering the order to halt. The Isibek, a small ship, was therefore able to do so in the dangerously narrow channel of the strait. The next Egyptian signal indicated that the ship was to be fired on."

SYRIANS STEAL BOATS
Syrians yesterday captured two fishing boats on Lake Hula, hauling them into Syrian territory. The Jerusalem Post learns. Both boats belonged to Hula fishermen.

MARAUDERS LOSE MOKES
BEERSHEVA, Sunday. — The net result of a raid by marauders into Masul moshav, near Pithul, last night, was a loss of three donkeys. The animals were left behind by the marauders when they were driven off by the fire of the settlement's watchmen.

'Jaffa Looked Like Beirut'
LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday. — "You're lucky you got off so lightly," said Colonel Peterson, Air Attache at the U.S. Embassy, to the tall Texan, dressed in khaki and wearing a civilian flying helmet, as he stepped out of a small Becherst plane here this afternoon.

The "visitor," Mr. H. King, who carries out aerial surveys and air photography in various parts of the world for the Aero-Service Corp. of Philadelphia, was on his way from Cairo to Beirut, and intended continuing from there on a mapping survey of Lebanon.

At 20 minutes to five this afternoon, while flying northwards along the coast, he saw a city stretching out below him and, thinking he was over Beirut, prepared to land.

However, two Israeli Air Force fighter planes soon showed him his mistake — he was over Jaffa — and ordered him to land as he had obtained no permission to fly over Israel. After a short investigation, the plane was given fuel and permitted to continue northwards.

Mr. King and his two companions thanked the authorities for the goodwill shown and for the absence of the bureaucracy to which they might have been subjected. (Iltm)

SCHOOLGIRL SWIMS ENGLISH CHANNEL
FOLKSTONE, Sunday (Reuter). Mariya Bell, 17-year-old Canadian schoolgirl, tonight became the youngest swimmer to conquer the English Channel when she landed near here from Cap Gris.

Crash Probe Will Shock World, Says First Report

Bulgarians 'Cool' to Israel Team

ATHEENS, Sunday. — Mr. Yael Palgi, El Al Manager, head of the Israel investigation mission of three which entered Bulgaria yesterday after waiting for permission for three days, said today there was no doubt that the El Al Constellation was shot down last Wednesday by small arms fire "probably used by fighters."

He added: "When we have completed our study and our report has been published, the world will be shocked even more than it was by the accident itself."

The mission has returned here to await the inquiry on the Yugoslav side of the border with Bulgaria.

Mr. Palgi, Operations Chief of El Al, said that, during the six-hour visit, the committee members saw "charred debris of the Constellation scattered over a wide area of a hill." He said that a Bulgarian colonel, who accompanied the three Israelis told them, "We know nothing of the accident."

He declared that the Bulgarians had removed from the wreckage the evidence concerning the passengers.

"We didn't even find a scrap of paper," he said.

The other two members of the team are Captain G. Tohar, an El Al pilot, and Mr. M. Laufer, of the Civil Aviation Department.

"We were received most cordially by the Bulgarians who, during our six-hour stay, offered us just one glass of water," Mr. Palgi said, adding that he lost in Bulgaria a wallet containing \$1500.

The three members of the investigation team entered Bulgaria at noon and returned to Athens with photographs of the wreckage at the scene of the crash.

Mr. Palgi said that the evidence the Israel Commission collected proved that the plane was hit by shells of a smaller caliber than those of the aircraft guns. Asked about the Bulgarian confession that AA guns were responsible, he said: "That's their version."

The three men were tired, hatless and in their shirt-sleeves when they arrived here. Mr. Palgi said that the Bulgarians gave them a six-hour permit. They drove them to the foothills over which hundreds of pieces of the big Constellation were scattered.

Greek border villagers have stated that certain parts of the plane wreckage were seen being removed from the plane on the crash by Bulgarian. Greek border guards earlier said that they had seen the Constellation being fired at from a heavy, automatic weapon atop a hill in Bulgaria. The plane exploded in flames and then disintegrated in the air.

(UP, Reuter)

Meanwhile, Mr. T. Levita, correspondent of "Ma'ariv" has cabled from Kula on the Greco-Bulgarian frontier that blood-soaked blankets were also found, and there were indications that "hundreds of Bulgarians" had worked for four days trying to remove traces of the shooting. The British Air Attache in Sofia, Colonel Stevenson, was reported to have confirmed that the plane was shot down by jet fighters and not by anti-aircraft guns.

El Al headquarters in Tel Aviv, which are maintaining contact with the investigation commission on the spot, received word from the commission late last night that it had not yet arrived at any conclusion, and that any reports quoting its opinion on how the disaster took place are premature.

Own Aircraft
The great majority of El Al services, including the trans-Atlantic route, are being maintained by El Al's own machines. Letters and cables of sympathy are arriving at the El Al head office in ever-increasing numbers from all over the world. A letter from the British Ambassador, Mr. John Nicholls, said: "In writing to the Prime Minister, I have said that the El Al's proud record of safety in the air, I am sure that it will not affect the confidence which is universally felt in the skill and reliability of El Al's operation."

Similar messages have been received from several airlines and a group of foreign experts formerly in El Al's service.

The World Executive of Brit Herut-Habohar and the Merkaz of Trast Haberut announce with deep sorrow the passing away of

Mr. ABRAHAM ABRAHAMS

one of the prominent leaders of the Zionist Revisionist World Movement, a distinguished co-worker of Z. Jabotinsky, member of the Zionist Action Committee, Chairman of the Zionist Revisionist Organization of Great Britain, who passed away at the age of 54 whilst on a mission in South Africa on behalf of the movement.

The funeral procession to the Wickenburg Hebrew Cemetery will leave the Metsudat Ze'ev, 36 King George Ave., Tel Aviv, today, Monday, Aug. 1, 1955, at 4 p.m.

Members of the movement and friends of the deceased are invited to pay him their last respects.

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